

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1984
AT 2:00 P.M., H-769, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Chairman, Mr. W. E. McLaughlin, O.C., Chancellor, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, C.M., Dr. R. W. Breen, Mr. R. Burns, Mr. J. Dinsmore, Mr. T. Fenwick, Mr. J. Roy Firth, Me. A. Gervais, Mr. R. L. Grassby, Prof. R. Greenberg, Mr. R. K. Groome, O.C., Dr. S. Hoecker-Drysdale, Dr. M. Hogben, Miss L. Keays, Dr. P. Kenniff, Mr. A. Lakhani, Mrs. B. J. Lande, C.M., Dr. M. Laroche, Mr. L. Ian MacDonald, Prof. G. Martin, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Dr. T. S. Sankar, Ms. J. Szabo, Prof. K. Waters, Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Secretary.

Absent with apologies: Mr. Paul E. Martin, Mr. W. W. Stinson.

Absent: Ms. V. Monkman.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.

- BG-84-8-D49 - Letter from Minister of Education (09-07-84).
- BG-84-8-D53 - Link - New System Cuts Hassles (07-09-84).
- BG-84-8-D54 - Concordian - Registration Improves (05-09-84).
- BG-84-8-D55 - Planning Committee Report to the Board.
- BG-84-8-D56 - Reorganization of Senior Administration.
- BG-84-8-D58 - Procedure for the Selection of Honorary Degree Recipients.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Breen, Laroche) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the open session of the meeting of June 27, 1994, be approved.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mr. Dinsmore introduced BG-84-8-D55 and discussed reasons for and against the recommendations therein. It was moved and seconded (Dinsmore, McLaughlin) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT (1) the "holding pattern" referred to in BG-84-8-D55, be maintained with a maximum ceiling of \$17,000 a month (with the understanding that the

University would reduce this amount to the lowest possible) until December 31, 1994. At that point, the Committee would re-evaluate further.

THAT (2) a detailed review be undertaken of the Vanier project to ensure that it will be at the same stage of development as the downtown project at that date.

THAT (3) the University community be encouraged to review the internal allocation questions so that when the project is given a "go ahead", the further architectural work can proceed with a minimum of delay.

3.4.9. Vice-Rector Martin simultaneously introduced the three resolutions listed at these agenda numbers, noting that they are housekeeping resolutions.

3. Deed of Servitude

It was moved and seconded (Martin, Burns) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT (1) the University authorizes the deed prepared before Mtre. David Whitney, Notary for the Province of Quebec, and attached hereto. This deed permits any openings and projections in the renovated building at 2040 MacKay Street to remain even though closer to the properties on either side than permitted by law and a similar reciprocal and permanent right for openings and projections in the buildings on either side also on property owned by the University will be stipulated in the same deed so that in the event ownership changes, no third party can request removal of such openings or projections.

THAT (2) Prof. G. Martin, Vice-Rector Administration and Finance, be authorized to sign the abovementioned instrument as required.

4. Writs of Seizure by Garnishment

It was moved and seconded (Martin, Burns) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT any one of the following officers or employees of Concordia University, namely, S. K. O'Reilly, J. L. Hall, D. Johnson, C. Waters, J. Colace, G. Jones, D. Claridge, A. Starnino, L. Wong, S. McCready or S. Brosseau be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appear and/or declare for, on behalf and in the name of Concordia University any answer to Writs of Seizure by Garnishment in which the University is garnishee and to make all affidavits and sworn declarations in connection therewith the whole in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure of the Province of Quebec.

9. Drain Connection

It was moved and seconded (Martin, Burns) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT (1) the University enter into a contract prepared by Mtre. Normand Latreille, Notary, to give permission for a six-inch diameter water connection.

THAT (2) G. Martin, Vice-Rector Administration and Finance, is authorized to sign this contract on behalf of the University.

5. Foreign and Non-Quebec Students' Fees

The Rector brought forward BG-84-8-D49 and discussed government policy towards foreign students. He stated that the projected increase for non-Quebec Canadian students attending Quebec Universities has not been implemented pending further study by the Minister. It is his intention to forward a document to the government pointing out certain discrepancies between present policy and stated objectives of the government with regard to foreign students, particularly concerning graduate students.

Mr. Dinsmore suggested that there might be great value in Concordia University playing a leading role in a two-day discussion seminar concerning foreign students. The Rector found this an attractive project.

6. Standing Committees of the Board

The Chairman presented the list of members of "Committees of the Board of Governors - 1984/85". An additional sheet was distributed with a revised listing for the Finance Committee, Graduation Ceremonies Committee and Operating Services Committee. The Chairman mentioned that minor changes may be made in the listing during the next few days. In answer to a question, he stated that the maximum number of persons in each committee should be the same as that listed. It was moved and seconded (McNaughton, Fenwick) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the Standing Committees and Board representative on other committees be essentially as listed in "Committees of the Board of Governors - 1984/85".

It was further suggested and accepted by common consent that each committee should consider at its first meeting its mandate and its programme for the coming year. It was also suggested and accepted that each committee report at least once during the year to the Board of Governors. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to see that this be done.

7. Reorganization of Senior Administration

Dr. Kenniff introduced document BG-84-8-D56. He discussed the document at length, stating that it is an attempt in functional terms to distribute responsibilities among senior officials. After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Kenniff, McLaughlin) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the document be tabled for discussion at the October meeting of the Board.

8. Finance Committee

Vice-Rector Martin presented the financial statements and the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee of September 10. It was moved and seconded (Martin, Burns) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT (1), on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the financial statements produced by Charette, Fortier, Hawey, Touche, Ross, be approved.

THAT (2), the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to sign these financial statements.

8.1 The Audit Committee

Mr. McLaughlin submitted the report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on September 10, 1984. This is the first time that an Audit Committee has been established at Concordia University. It will normally hold one meeting each year to review the audit and receive the report from the auditors. It was moved and seconded (McLaughlin, Dinsmore) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the fee for the auditors for the current year be \$47,500.

It was moved and seconded (McLaughlin, Pepper) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board appoint the firm of Charette, Fortier, Hawey, Touche, Ross, as auditors for the 1984-85 fiscal year.

12. Committee Report

Mr. L. Ian MacDonald introduced BG-84-8-D58 and stated that the Graduation Ceremonies Committee had succeeded in forming a series of rules for the choosing of persons receiving honorary degrees. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded (MacDonald, Burns) and RESOLVED:

- THAT (1) the criteria for selecting nominees should remain as simple and uncoded as possible; to be eligible, a nominee must be sufficiently accomplished in his or her field to ensure that the awarding of an honorary degree would bring credit to Concordia, the academic community as a whole, the City of Montreal, Quebec or Canada.*
- (2) the names of current members of the faculty, the administration and the Board of Governors could not be submitted for honorary degrees. Prudence should also be shown in awarding honorary degrees to holders of public office.*
- (3) an advertisement should be placed in the Thursday Report at the start of each academic year (early the September) inviting the four Faculty Councils and any interested member of the Concordia community to submit the names of honorary degree nominees to the Board of Governors' Graduation Ceremonies Committee.*
- (4) under normal circumstances there would be no more two degree at each convocation ceremony.*

VOTE: 17 in favour, 3 opposed.

It was decided to table the following motion:

THAT the names of all nominees would have to be submitted to the Graduation Ceremonies Committee no later than November 15 of each year. Each submission would be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and a succinct statement by the nominator explaining why he or she thinks Concordia should award a degree to the nominee. After studying the proposals the Committee would refer its choice of nominees to the Board of Governors and Senate in time for the December meetings of both bodies.

13. Rector's Report

The Rector reported some personnel changes in his immediate area: Mr. Michael Sheldon: from 1st September, 1984 until 31st December, 1985 will occupy a part-time position, reporting to the Vice-Rector Finance and Administration. Dr. K. Bindon has been appointed Special Assistant to the Rector, handling University affairs and concerns of the Board of Governors and Senate.

Celebrations, observing the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of Concordia University, have begun and will proceed throughout the year.

Procedures at registration for the Fall term have received favourable comment from various quarters including the student newspapers.

The enrolment of students this Fall at Concordia shows a total increase, at present, of 2.4% with a 5.2% increase in full-time students and a 6% decrease in part-time students. Present figures indicate a graduate student enrolment of approximately 3,300 which is an increase over last year.

14. Vice-Rector's Report

Dr. Breen reported that new administrative and hiring practices in the Athletics Department have been established and are effective.

15. Correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. D. W. McNaughton thanking the Board of Governors for the floral arrangement sent on the occasion of his mother's death.

16. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 1984, 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. dinner, Room AD-308, Loyola Campus.

17. Termination

The meeting terminated at 3:15 p.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.,
Secretary